Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend Claim 11. Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (page i).

11.   (Amended) A method of servicing requests for delivery of a media content file in a network of client-server computing systems in which a client computer makes an inquiry to an origin server to locate a media server associated with the origin server which stores the media content file, and wherein a local media cache is located within the network at a point near the client, the method comprising the steps of:

at the client, requesting delivery of the media content file by requesting from the origin server the delivery of a media redirection file (MRF) containing a redirection object specifying instructions for obtaining the media content file from the media server;

prior to delivery of the media redirection file to the client, intercepting the media redirection file and rewriting the instructions contained therein so that the media content file is obtained from the local media cache by the client instead of from the media server directly; and

charging the user of the client computer a premium for intercepting media redirection files.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephonic interview on January 24, 2002. Applicants' representative telephoned the Examiner to determine what changes are required to overcome the Examiner's objection to the drawings, because no information is provided in the Office Action as to why the objection was made. The Examiner reviewed the case and then stated (in a return telephone call) that the checkoff of the objection box in the Office Action Summary was a typographical error and that all figures are satisfactory for examination and will be subjected to the draftsman's review, as indicated in the Examiner's Interview Summary dated January 24, 2002. No exhibit was shown or demonstration conducted. No claims were discussed. No prior art was discussed or identified.

Applicants' have received the Attachment to PTO Form 948 (without the PTO form 948 itself) enclosed with an Office Communication dated January 30, 2002 that includes the Examiner's Interview Summary for the interview of January 24, 2002. Since Applicants have not received a PTO-948 form, then Applicants assume that no drawing corrections are required.

Applicants' are concurrently submitting formal drawings redrawn and prepared from the informal drawings as filed with the original application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending. Applicants amend Claim 11 to include all of the limitations of the base Claim 1 from which Claim 11 depends.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-10 and 12-13 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yates et al. (US 6,167,438) (hereinafter "Yates"). Yates describes techniques for providing a document from a cache server in a computer network in response to a request for content that originates from a client and is directed toward a home (origin) server in the network. (Yates, col. 3, lines 23-38.) The network forms a routing graph or tree with the home server at the root of the network (see Yates, col. 3, lines 23-27, and Fig. 1). The request originating from the client flows through the graph (upward as shown in Yates, Fig. 1) toward the home server through one or more routers. A router associated with a cache server includes a packet filter that extracts document requests that pass through the router and, when appropriate, services the document requests using copies of the documents stored in the cache server. (Yates, col. 3, lines 27-44.)

In a brief review of the present invention, a browser at the client computer in a computer network requests a media redirection file (MRF) from the origin (home) web server. (Specification, page 5, lines 3-6.) The MRF provides instructions for the browser telling it where to locate the requested content (e.g., streaming media content). (Specification, page 5, lines 6-9.) A cache redirector in the network intercepts the MRF and determines if the requested file is in a local media cache. (Specification, page 5, lines 10-15). If so, then the cache redirector rewrites the MRF to indicate that the location for the requested file is in the local media cache (Specification, page 5, lines 12-17.)

To establish a prima facie case for anticipation under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), the reference must teach every aspect of the claimed invention either explicitly or impliedly. The Yates reference